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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1912.

Good Business Fellowship.

One of the first things to strike the
visiting business man in Washington is
the remarkable atmosphere of harmony,
good will, and friendly co-operation
that everywhere pervades the business
field in the city. This spirit is one of
the mainstays of the commercial and
mercantile advances which are so plainly
discernible just now. The good-fellowship
that showed itself at a business
meeting of the retail merchants of this
city, held recently at luncheon at one of
the leading clubs, is plainly indicative of
the fine spirit of solid support and help-
ful harmony through whose agencies the
merchants of the city are constantly
working for the promotion of business
interests.

Warning has already been sent out by
the Chamber of Commerce to its mem-
bers and their friends to keep certain
dates open in May for the annual pil-
grimage of this active and energetic
body. The outing will be held in Nor-
folk and its vicinity, and is planned to
extend over three days. It is well that
Norfolk should be chosen for the gather-
ing of the representative business men
of Washington. Their eyes are now
turned to the awakening South. It is
in that direction that the extension of
Washington's business interests will
most surely develop, and it is well that
cordial relations between our merchants
and those of the South be maintained.

The fame of the trade bodies of
Washington as right royal entertainers of
official delegates to conventions to
the city has spread abroad. On many
occasions they have proved themselves to
be hosts whose dispensation of offi-
cial hospitality has been unstinted.
Doubtless this has been, in some cases,
a heavy financial responsibility to
shoulder, but it has been undertaken un-
grudgingly and carried through to most
enjoyable ends.

There are, however, many occasions
when the peculiar municipal form of
government throws guests upon the mer-
chants whose entertainment should more
properly be the official duty of the Dis-
trict. There have been many instances
in the past when guests of a quasi-
official distinction have come to Wash-
ington and who would have been de-
prived of proper reception and enter-
tainment had not the merchants of the
city generously come forward as hosts
on the occasions. While no complaint
has been uttered by the older estab-
lished among our business men who
have often rendered such service to the
city's reputation for hospitality, this is
a direction in which a share of expense
should be borne by the District officially.

The Hay Army Bill.

That the Senate is not in accord with
the scheme of military retrenchment
outlined by Chairman Hay, of the House
Committee on Military Affairs is suf-
ficiently indicated by its action on Thurs-
day in defeating that particular section
of his programme dealing with the cavalry.

There is a real public demand for
governmental economy, but there are
other administrative departments where
it could be more wisely applied than on
the army. As a matter of fact, our
army at present is in a chaotic state,
and it is in need of expansion and de-
velopment, if it is to be made an effec-
tive arm of defense. The United States
has only fifteen regiments of cavalry,
and the proposal to cut this number
down to ten is assuredly not one to be
commended at this time, when our mili-
tary bareness is a fact thoroughly un-
derstood by the chancelleries of Europe,
and our increasing interest in world
affairs imperatively demands an efficient
army as well as an efficient navy.

The mobilization of the troops on the
Mexican border a year ago exposed
some of the weaknesses of our army.
The chief weakness is, of course, its
smallness. There is no talk of placing
the United States on a "war footing,"
as that term is understood in Europe,
but there is plenty of sound logic in
the suggestion that the United States
become more than a third-rate power, so
far as the expansion of its army is con-
cerned.

Under these conditions, any move in
the direction of cutting down this arm
of defense is reactionary. Chairman
Hay may have many sound reasons for
his proposal, but there is a feeling of
relief that the Senate is solidly opposed
to it, and that the army will not be cut
down in numbers at this time. This ap-

A Little Nonsense.

SPRING OPENING.

And now the thoughts are not so bare.
The druggist man
Represents with zealous care
The sulphur can.

Unto the laborer he has sent
His list of needs.
Concerning child pills, liniment,
And garden seeds.

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MRS. HICHBORN, SR.

FILES PETITION

Mother of Late P. S. Hicbhorn Asks
to Be Appointed Administra-
trix of His Estate.

Mrs. Jennie M. Hicbhorn, mother of the
late Philip S. Hicbhorn, filed a petition in
the Probate Court yesterday to be ap-
pointed administratrix of the estate of her
son, who, Mrs. Hicbhorn declared died with-
out leaving a will. It is stated by the
petitioner that the decedent's wife, Eliza
arr. Eliza M. Hicbhorn, his wife,
against whom he filed suit for absolute
divorce, naming Eliza M. Hicbhorn, with
whom she eloped, as corespondent, and
present address is unknown to the
petitioner. Philip Hicbhorn, a son,
born in Washington, September 22, 1881,
and Mrs. P. S. Hicbhorn, a sister,
the estate, which is valued at about
\$2,000, consists of three bonds of the
Metropolitan Club of Washington, valued
at \$1,000 each; one 5 per cent bond of
the Southern Railway, estimated value
\$1,000; two bonds of the Washington
Railway and Electric Company, at \$1,000
each, estimated value, \$1,200; twenty-
three shares of the stock of the Wash-
ington Loan and Trust Company, esti-
mated value, \$2,000; ten shares of the
stock of the Massachusetts Avenue
Realty Company, estimated value \$1,000,
and certain shares of the Goldfield
Consolidated Mining Company, of unknown
value.

Mrs. Hicbhorn states in the petition
that at the time of the death of her
son he was also entitled to one-third
interest in the proceeds of certain real
estate devised to the Washington Loan
and Trust Company, to be held in trust
with the direction by the will of Philip
Hicbhorn, his father, to sell the same,
but that this real estate remains unsold
and consists of premises 127 N. Street
Northwest, the estimated value being
\$10,000, and a certain parcel of real es-
tate in Haver, Mass., of uncertain value.
At the time of his death decedent had
on deposit in the Washington Loan and
Trust Company \$200.32, and with the
United States Trust Company, \$400.32.
Petitioner asked for the appointment
of a guardian ad litem to act in behalf
of the minor son of the decedent, and
the court appointed William Henry
Dennis.

WOOL RATES REDUCED.
Interstate Commerce Commission
Makes Important Ruling.

In a decision handed down yesterday
the Interstate Commerce Commission
ordered a complete readjustment of rates
and regulations for the transportation of
wool from Western producing points to
Eastern consumption centers. The
railroads are given until May 1 to make
the reductions, and the commission also
prescribes graded rates and the breaking
up of the blanket system of making
rates.

The action of the commission is based
on complaints filed by the railroad com-
mission of Oregon, the National Wool
Growth Association, and others, and it
is predicted will have far-reaching
effect, the decision causing a complete
change of conditions which have existed
since 1898.

GIVES SCIENTIFIC DATA.
Dr. Walcott Publishes Three Papers
on Geological Subjects.

Dr. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of
the Smithsonian Institution, has just
published three papers dealing with his
studies of Cambrian geology and paleon-
tology, in continuation of the series be-
gun some time ago.

The first paper is based on collections
from the Burgess shale member of the
Stephen formation in British Columbia.
Dr. Walcott is planning to supplement
these papers by a memoir on the Bur-
ges shale fauna that will include the
results of a study of the present collec-
tions and those of the field seasons of
1901 and 1902.

The second paper is entitled "Cambro-
Ordovician Boundary in British Colum-
bia with Descriptions of Fossils," and
treats of the discovery of Mr. J. A.
Allen and Mr. L. D. Burling in the Ice
River region.

The third paper is on "The Sardinian
Cambrian Genus Olenopsis in America."

Portuguese Rebels Arrested.
Lisbon Unearths Monarchist Plot.

Lisbon, April 12.—A revolutionary plot,
which was to have culminated with a
royalist invasion in the north, has been
discovered among the officers and men
of the Seventh Regiment of infantry.

Seven officers and thirty privates and
subalterns were arrested today, while
the government began preparations to
reel any monarchist invasion.

Government agents have telegraphed
within the past twenty-four hours that
royalist sympathizers are massing on the
Spanish frontier. All are well armed,
and are apparently awaiting a signal
from this city to march into Portugal.

Hitchock Will Not Resign.
Rumor that Postmaster General
Will Step Out Denied.

The following statement was issued
yesterday from the office of Postmaster
General Hitchcock:

"Postmaster General Hitchcock, al-
though out of the city this morning, de-
clined emphatically, through Theodore L.
Weed, that he had any intention what-
ever of resigning as a member of Presi-
dent Taft's Cabinet, and in so far as
the statement made of his political
promises are concerned, he announces
them as absolutely untrue." Mr. Weed
stated that Mr. Hitchcock was away
from the city to attend a luncheon with
periodical publishers at the Aldine As-
sociation in New York City yesterday.

"It is true," Mr. Weed stated, "that
Mr. Hitchcock has had several flattering
business offers during the past year,
carrying a salary of more than \$25,000
a year, and one in particular carried
twice that amount."

Members of Secretary's Sick
Contaminated Water.
Havana, April 12.—Several members of
Secretary Knox's party are sick from
drinking contaminated water, although
their condition is not serious. All are
tired out with the incessant round of
official and private entertainments on the
long tour through the Caribbean coun-
tries, and are looking forward eagerly
to Saturday evening, when the cruiser
Washington will sail for the United
States.

Secretary Knox and his aids returned
through Havana, then to the Metcalf
sugar plantation, forty miles inland, to-
day. This evening United States Minister
Baupre will give a dinner, which will
be followed by a state ball.

One of the most brilliant functions of
his tour was tendered to Secretary of
State Knox to-night. Minister Baupre
was the Secretary's host at a state din-
ner, and this was followed by a state
Department ball, which was attended by
all the high civil and military authorities.

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Our Motto: If you see it in The Big Stick, it isn't necessarily so.

GREAT SUCCESS

Big Stick's Spring Swinging Contest Does Much Good.

The week of The Big Stick's spring swinging contest has ended to a blaze of glory. From every side we have received congratulations for our weekly determination to clean up Washington. Commissioner Budd's award on Friday that for the first time in two weeks he has slept without fear of earthquakes and piano players, and Judge Charles Smith's award that not a shadow of a germ has been left under any of the desks of his Municipal Court last week.

The report of our campaign of extermination is:

Open grinders—18.
Political pretenses—18.
Street cleaners—24.
Clean streets—80.
Piano—100.

Revised to Date.

Jack and Jill
Went up the Hill
To see a District measure.
The bill went down
And broke its crown.
While Congress laughed with pleasure.

C. C. LANGRISH.

A WASTEFUL MAN.

Edward Schmidt, the prominent
accountant, sends us a catalogue ad-
vertising a patent device which
claims to be guaranteed to kill bugs.
Schmidt explains it is probably
true, but the manufacturer can
only grow angry as Chamberlain of
Commerce signs.

GOING TOO FAR.

Editor Big Stick: I have heard
John H. Maguire, director that he
is willing to go to the bottom of
the Atlantic with every street in
Washington. What I want to know
is whether John would like to see
the suffragists among them with
the banners. E. C. GRAHAM.

ON GRAY HAIRS.

I've heard the man
Who thinks he can
Keep all his hair white-haired
Nimble dandy.
To place his eye
In front of Miller Keppel's
Average.

GEORGE CARTER.



Fencing Lumber at Much Lower Prices

Planks, headed dressed, spear point, per 100	\$2.00
Planks, headed dressed, gothic point, per 100	\$2.00
Planks, headed dressed, oval point, per 100	\$2.00
Planks, square headed, per 100	\$2.00
Fence rails, dressed, apiece	25c
Posts, square dressed, apiece	30c
Boards, dressed, per 100 feet	\$2.00

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Sixth Street and New York Avenue N. W.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Slaves."

Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, and the most famous red-headed man since Julius Caesar's time, was born on April 13, 1743, in a state of affluence, and also in Virginia, both of which states were regarded at that time by future Presidents as the most favorable in which to be born.